

Market News

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Recycling Market Development Program

Rock-Tenn Purchases Waldorf Corporation

Rock-Tenn Company, one of the largest paper mills in Texas and one of the largest producers of 100 percent recycled paperboard in North America, has acquired Waldorf Corporation. Waldorf is a St. Paul, Minnesota, based manufacturer of folding cartons, 100 percent recycled paperboard, and recycled corrugated medium with facilities in the Midwest, Northeast, and Southern U.S. Both Rock-Tenn and Waldorf own 100 percent recycled paperboard mills, paper recovery plants, and folding carton operations throughout the United States. Rock-Tenn believes this acquisition makes the company the second largest producer of folding cartons in North America and the largest manufacturer of 100 percent recycled paperboard. Rock-Tenn feeds its mills with OCC, ONP, mixed paper, computer-print-out, and boxboard cuttings. The 100 percent recycled paperboard is transformed by Rock-Tenn's folding carton operations into cereal boxes, U.S. Postal envelopes, etc. Corporate clients using Rock-Tenn's recycled paperboard include Nabisco, General Mills, Frito-Lay, Kroegers Co. and the U.S. Postal Service. For more information contact Carlos Rovelo, Director of Market Development at 214/358-1533.

TNRCC Offers Used Oil Recycling Grants

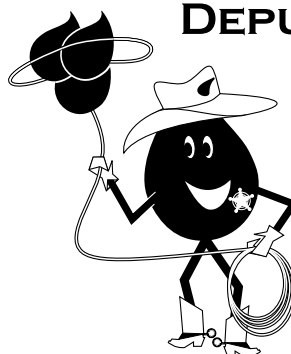
Businesses and organizations around the state may apply to the TNRCC for used oil recycling grants. A total of \$5 million is available and proposals must be between \$3,000 and \$50,000. The purpose of the grants is to promote the proper collection, handling, and recycling of used oil from do-it-yourself oil changers. The funds are available for many uses. Existing and new recyclers can use grant money to improve facilities by upgrading storage tanks, retrofitting vehicles for curbside collection, buying new equipment, promoting public participation, or developing innovative programs. Even businesses not generally associated with recycling are encouraged to apply for the grants. Apartment landlords may use a grant to collect used oil from tenants who change their own oil. Companies with vehicle fleet operations can obtain funds to collect and recycle properly used oil from households. Private companies collecting used oil from do-it-yourself changers may be eligible for the automotive oil fee exemption, thus saving money on all new oil purchases. The deadline for grant applications is July 18, 1997. If you are interested in applying for a grant, contact Tamie Magnuson, with the TNRCC Used Oil Recycling Program at 512/239-6692.

April Events Reminder

April 28-30 **Environmental Trade Fair**
Austin / (512)239-6750

April 29 **Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence**
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AND
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YOUR
USED OIL!"**

**USED OIL & NATURE
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Spotlight on: Collins & Aikman Floorcovering Inc.

Collins & Aikman Floorcoverings Inc., located in Dalton, Georgia, is a leading commercial manufacturer of carpet tiles and performance rolled goods that can now recycle used vinyl-backed carpet into a recycled backing. From recycled carpeting, they produce other products, such as parking stops, industrial block flooring, and off-set blocks used along interstate railings. C&A's recycling process involves shredding the old carpets and melting the pieces together with vinyl and low density polyethylene or shrink wrap. According to Mac Bridger, C&A president, the company has the capacity to recycle more than 75 million pounds of flooring annually. Companies that buy C&A carpets do not have to pay to dispose of their carpet in landfills; they can send them to the mill for recycling. This latest development brings the carpet industry closer to "cradle to cradle" product stewardship and sustainable development. For more information, contact Steve Morgan, C&A Account Manager at 512/301-1777.

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...**Texas Market prices** for **aluminum** cans, or used beverage cans (UBC), at the **processor price** are for loose cans, **end-user prices** are quoted in mill-ready bales. Monthly, we report the low and high range paid for UBC. However, the value of your aluminum may vary depending on the quantity. The more volume, the more money you will get for your cans. In most areas of the state **processors** pay about 2 cents more for quantities over each of the following ranges: 1 to 25 pounds, 26 to 50 pounds, 51-100 pounds, and over 100 pounds. For example if you sell 22 pounds to a processor, you may get 26 cents per pound, but if you had 120 pounds collectors would pay 32 cents per pound. **End-user prices** are reported as the value of UBC's delivered at the mill in loads of approximately 35,000 to 45,000 pounds. UBC bales usually weigh about 1,800 pounds. A handy resource for **checking the price of aluminum cans** and finding out your nearest aluminum buy-back center is the Reynolds Aluminum Clearinghouse number at 800/228-2525...For more information contact the **Aluminum Association, Inc.** at 202/862-5100...**Waste Management's Dallas Recycle America MRF has closed.** The facility does not accept material from the public although some processing is still taking place. **Mark Evarts** is working in the Gas Services Division at the Texas Railroad Commission. He may be reached at 512/463-9663... **Fiber Horizons**, a fiber brokerage and consulting firm in Irving has moved to Grapevine, Texas - its new telephone is 817/329-1829...**Anchor Glass Container Corp.** in Houston closed in late February...

Texas Market Prices

(for the week of February 17, 1997)

Material		Processor Price	End-User Price
Aluminum	UBC (cans)	\$0.25 - 0.44/lb —	\$0.63 - 0.64/lb —
Glass	Flint	0 - 20/ton —	50 - 57/ton —
	Amber	0 - 15/ton —	40 - 59/ton —
	Green	0/ton —	15/ton —
Paper	OCC (cardboard)	30 - 55/ton ↓	70 - 85/ton —
	ONP (newspaper)	0 - 10/ton —	10 - 30/ton —
	White Ledger	30 - 80/ton —	140 - 150/ton ↓
	Mixed Paper	0 - 10/ton —	5 - 15/ton —
	Mixed Office Ledger	10 - 20/ton —	35 - 80/ton ↓
	Computer Print-out	60 - 150/ton —	200 - 210/ton ↓
Plastic	PET (mixed colors)	0 —	0.01 - 0.06/lb ↑
	HDPE (natural)	0 —	0.18 - 0.21/lb ↑
	HDPE (mixed colors)	0 —	0.06 - 0.13/lb ↑
Steel	Steel Cans	38/ton —	80/ton ↓

The prices listed above are compiled by the TNRCC Recycling Market Development Program and are for reference only. These prices are not firm quotes. TNRCC obtained pricing information from buyers within each category and developed a pricing range. "Processors" include dealers, brokers, scrap yards and collection centers; whereas, "end-users" include mills and plants. Processor prices are for delivered material in metropolitan areas of the state and do not reflect the value of any collection services. End-user prices, except for glass, are for baled material in truckload quantity, f.o.b. seller's dock. The difference between processor and end-user prices is indicative of the value added by separating, baling or otherwise preparing materials to meet end-market specifications. Actual prices paid by end-users will depend on quality, quantity and transportation requirements. Arrows indicate direction of change from previous month.

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